

b.) REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action of June 23, 2006. Claims 3-7 have been amended to replace “derivative” with “compound”, and the typographical errors in Claims 5 and 8 have been corrected as shown above.

In the Office Action, the only rejections entered were as follows. Claims 5 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite. In addition, Claims 1 and 3-8 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,642,224 (Claims 1-6), and provisionally, over Claims 1-8 of co-pending A.N. 10/399,625.

The changes shown above to Claims 5 and 8 are believed fully to address the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph, the withdrawal of which is therefore respectfully requested.

A Terminal Disclaimer is in preparation, and will be submitted shortly, to obviate the rejection over Claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent 6,642,224.

Moreover, it is noted that at present, no claims have been allowed in co-pending A.N. 10/399,625. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection over that application and passage of the present application to issue, is respectfully requested. M.P.E.P. §804.I.B.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

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